

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)  
U.S. APPLICATION NO. 09/939,691  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace Paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:**

When an originating VoIP host (e.g., 1442) wants to initiate a session it will not be directed to the terminating VoIP host (e.g., 1244) directly (as in the prior art) but rather to the nearest available Special Gateway (12). The Special Gateway may or may not be a standalone device. If not it may be integrated as a function in the Media Gateway.